

Please put the public interest back into the public's airways!

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair's mandate about the Vietnam War-era issues "film" is cynical and hypocritical in the face of Sinclair's forbidding their ABC affiliated stations from showing Nightline with the names of our current Iraq war dead. It's as if CBS were to play Moore's Fahrenheit 911 and call it a "news" broadcast!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our country. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Along with hundreds of other people I spoke before the FCC hearing in Albuquerque a few months ago about these matters. Whether "right" or "left," we, the people want our airwaves back from the corporate giants who feed us sizzle and trash and keep us in the dark. If Sinclair goes ahead with this farce of a film, they should have their FCC licenses pulled.